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Mr. Lawrence H. Norton, Esq.  
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Federal Election Commission  
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RE: AOR 2003-22

Dear Mr. Norton:

The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) writes in support of the referenced Advisory Opinion (AOR) submitted by the American Bankers Association to the Federal Election Commission on June 23, 2003. ASAE, which is comprised of over 24,000 members from the association community, represents many members with political action committees (PACs) that are affected by this issue. On behalf of these members and associations, we strongly support this AOR for the reasons put forth in the request.

The ability of our members to receive help from their corporate executive members to raise and distribute contributions for PACs is fundamental to the success of any trade association's PAC. Any disruption to this process would be of grave detriment to many of our members. For this reason, we hope that the commission finds the merits of the request compelling and consistent with the public good.

Sincerely,



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